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SUBJECT: MAKARIOS INTERVIEWED BY LONDON TIMES

1. THE TIMES OF SEPTEMBER 16 CARRIES REPORT OF INTERVIEW WITH ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS BY ITS DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT A.M. RENDEL, WHO SPOKE TO MAKARIOS AT THE WEEKEND.

2. MAKARIOS IS IN FULL AGREEMENT WITH HMG AND THE GREEK GOVERNMENT THAT THE PRESENT TALKS BETWEEN CLERIDES AND RENKTASH ARE THE BEST WAY TO "GO AHEAD. WHETHER MAKARIOS WAS IN LONDON OR CYPRUS - TO WHICH HE INDICATED HE WOULD RETURN BEFORE LONG - HE WOULD MUCH PREFER THAT CLERIDES SHOULD BE THE PROTAGONIST FOR THE GREEK CYPRIOTS.

3. ON THE FORM OF A SETTLEMENT, MAKARIOS' FIRST POINT WAS THAT IT SHOULD BE BASED ON THE 1960 CONSTITUTION. HE WAS NOT PREPARED TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT BASED ON TWO SEPARATE GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS FOR THE TWO COMMUNITIES IN CYPRUS. BUT HE ADDED THAT HE WAS A "REALIST." IF CLERIDES FINDS THAT SOME SUCH SOLUTION IS IN FACT INEVITABLE, THEN THERE

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ARE THREE POSSIBILITIES OPEN TO HIM. HE COULD ACCEPT THE RESULT, REJECT IT OR "TOLERATE" IT. MUCH WOULD DEPEND ON THE TERMS CLERIDES MIGHT BE ABLE TO NEGOTIATE.

4. IN THE ARCHBISHOP'S VIEW, THE TURKISH CYPRIOT AREA SHOULD NOT BE LARGER THAN 18 OR 20 PER CENT. TRANSFERS OF POPULATION SHOULD BE AS SMALL AS POSSIBLE, AND THE POWERS OF THE CENTRAL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHOULD REMAIN AS STRONG AS POSSIBLE.

5. RENDEL COMMENTS THAT MAKARIOS CLEARLY HAS NO WISH TO BE PRESIDENT UNDER A CONSTITUTION WHICH WOULD BE LESS FAVORABLE TO THE GREEK CYPRIOTS THAN THE 1960 CONSTITUTION UNDER WHICH HE HAD BEEN REELECTED IN 1968. MAKARIOS REMINDED RENDEL THAT HE HAD ALWAYS SAID HE WOULD NOT STAND AGAIN, BUT NO PRESIDENT COULD BE ELECTED WITHOUT HIS SUPPORT.

6. MAKARIOS WOULD NOT RETURN TO CYPRUS UNTIL THE GREEK OFFICERS WHO HAD ENGINEERED THE COUP AGAINST HIM HAD BEEN REPLACED. BEFORE HIS RETURN THE CYPRUS GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE ABLE TO SHOW HIM THAT IT HAD CONTROL OF THE EOKA-B EXTREMISTS WHO HAD TRIED TO ASSASSINATE HIM. HE THOUGHT THAT THE DISSENSION BETWEEN THE GREEK CYPRIOTS WOULD END QUICKLY, BUT HE DOES NOT INTEND TO RETURN IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE WHEN HE MIGHT BE ACCUSED OF WANTING TO KEEP DISSENSION ALIVE.

7. RENDEL NOTES THAT NEXT WEDNESDAY MAKARIOS WILL START A ROUND OF VISITS TO ALGERIA, EGYPT AND YUGOSLAVIA IN PREPARATION FOR THE FORTHCOMING DEBATE ON CYPRUS AT THE UNGA WHERE HE WILL REPRESENT CYPRUS. CLERIDES, RENDEL STATES, HAS FALLEN IN WITH THIS PLAN.

8. FINALLY, RENDEL WRITES THAT MAKARIOS HAS NO HIGH HOPES OF THE UN DEBATE ACHIEVING MUCH, BUT THE ARCHBISHOP OBSERVED THAT IT WOULD AT LEAST BRING SOME PRESSURE ON TURKEY. MAKARIOS HAD NOT ASKED TO SEE KISINGER WHILE IN THE US, THOUGH HE WOULD BE VERY READY TO MEET THE SECRETARY OF STATE. BUT, RENDEL CONCLUDES, MAKARIOS BLAMES

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THE UNITED STATES SHARPLY FOR ALLOWING TURKEY TO SEND
TROOPS INTO CYPRUS AND FOR FAILING TO STOP FURTHER BIG
TURKISH ADVANCES AFTER THE FIRST CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT.
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